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was in reality, a literal translation of the account printed by him in the work on Lake Superior by Professor Agassiz, with the single exception, that in every place where Dr. Le Conte had taken occasion to mention and criticise the erroneous views of Dr. De Kay regarding this curious larva, the Belgian naturalists had substituted the name of Dr. Harris for that of Dr. De Kay. This error was the more unaccountable, since in Dr. Le Conte's original description, he had mentioned the name of Dr. Harris but once, and then for the purpose of publicly expressing his acknowledgements for some hints kindly given towards the true nature of the larva in question, as well as for other valuable information, which the well known accuracy of observation of Dr. Harris had enabled him to give on various occasions, and which his liberal disposition prompts him always to offer for the use of his scientific colleagues. Dr. Le Conte concluded by expressing ardent wishes that foreign naturalists, who seem but lately to have become familiar with works of science published in America, would do our authors the justice, when they quote, to quote correctly.

Mr. Cassin called attention to the specimens of *Canis Antarticus*, and of the several species of Geese and other Birds, from the Falkland Islands, alluded to in the letter of Capt. Bernsée, read this evening.

On leave granted, Dr. Wistar offered a Resolution, which was unanimously adopted, inviting the members of the American Medical Association to visit the Museum of the Academy, during the session of that body in this city, in May next.

April 17th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from the American Philosophical Society, dated April 13th, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of the last No. of the Proceedings.

A paper was presented from Mr. Charles Girard, for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Observations on the Viviparous Fishes inhabiting the Pacific Coast of North America, with an enumeration of the species observed." Referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Drysdale, and Dr. J. A. Meigs.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "Descriptions of new species of Birds from Western Africa, in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, with a description of one new species from Zanzibar." Referred to Col. McCall, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Woodhouse.